

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the time taken by the Examiner to review Applicant's present application. This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Official Action mailed November 30, 2010 ("Office Action") and the Examiner Interview held on February 17, 2011. Claims 1, 4, 6-14, 17, 19-27, 30-34, and 36-44 were pending. Claims 1, 4, 14, 17, 27, and 38-44 are amended herein. Support for the amendments presented herein can be found in the specification as originally filed, at least from page 42, second paragraph, to page 49, second paragraph. No new matter is introduced. Through these changes, claims 1, 4, 6-14, 17, 19-27, 30-34, and 36-44 remain pending. Applicant believes that claims 1, 4, 6-14, 17, 19-27, 30-34, and 36-44 recite subject matter not reached by the art of record and therefore should be allowed. This Reply encompasses a bona fide attempt to overcome the rejections raised by the Examiner and place the present application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Interview Summary

In response to a recommendation set forth in the Office Action for an interview prior to filing a response to the Office Action, a telephonic interview was conducted on February 17, 2011 between Primary Examiner Aaron Strange and the undersigned. During the interview, differences between embodiments as claimed and the cited art were discussed as well as possible amendments to the claims. Primary Examiner Strange indicated that by amending the claims to further particularly point out how sites on a portal framework may share and reuse an object via a reference to the object, it is likely that Applicant may sufficiently overcome the current rejections, although an updated search would be required. No specific agreement as to the patentability of the claims was reached. Applicant appreciates the time and effort taken by Primary Examiner Strange to review Applicant's present application and discuss the pending claims and the cited prior art.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 was objected to because of a typographical error. Applicant has amended claim 1 as required by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1, 4, 6-14, 17, 19-27, 30-34 and 36-44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicant respectfully disagrees that the claims contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Applicant respectfully submits herewith an Information Disclosure Statement citing references containing definition or supplemental explanation regarding the meaning of “a reference to the object” as would have been understood by those skilled in the computer art at the time the invention was made. Propriety of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, rejections notwithstanding, Applicant has amended claims 1, 4, 14, 17, 27, and 40-44 herein and believes that the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, rejections have been adequately addressed or otherwise rendered moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, rejections is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 4, 6-14, 17, 19-27, 30-34, and 36-44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,236,971 (“Stefik”) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0078377 (“Chang”). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections and incorporates by reference arguments submitted on August 3, 2010. Propriety of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections notwithstanding, Applicant has amended claims 1, 4, 14, 17, 27, and 40-44 herein to further particularly point out how sites on a portal framework may share and reuse an object via a reference to the object.

Specifically, claims 1, 14, and 27 now recite, among others, “wherein, via the duplicate of the reference stored in the second repository, the object becomes available to the second site for reuse by the second site on the portal framework” and claim 40 now recites, among others, “wherein, via the first copy of the reference stored in the second site repository or the shared repository, the object becomes directly or indirectly available to the second site for reuse by the second site on the portal framework.” Stefik combined with Chang at least failed to disclose these limitations. Thus, claims 1, 14, and 27 are believed to be patentable over Stefik and Chang under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). If an independent claim is nonobvious under 35 U.S.C.

§103, then any claim depending therefrom is nonobvious. *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071, 5 USPQ2d 1596 (Fed. Cir. 1988). Accordingly, dependent claims 4, 6-13, 19-26, 30-34, 36-39, and 41-44 are also believed to be patentable over Stefik and Chang under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is respectfully requested.

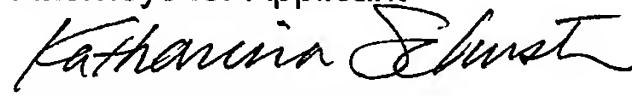
Conclusion

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. Other than as explicitly set forth above, this reply does not include any acquiescence to statements, assertions, assumptions, conclusions, or any combination thereof in the Office Action. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of Claims 1, 4, 6-14, 17, 19-27, 30-34, and 36-44. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below for prompt action in the event any issues remain.

The Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-3183 of Sprinkle IP Law Group.

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